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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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Date

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

| NOT Small Entity | | | Small Entity | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Amount | Fee | (Code) | Amount | Fee | (Code) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | 3 ½ yr fee | (1551) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | 3 ½ yr fee | (2551) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | 11 ½ yr fee | (1553) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | 11 ½ yr fee | (2553) |

MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,425.00

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700.00 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700.00

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ _____
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____
- ☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. _____

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7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made, please

☐ Credit to Deposit Account No. _____

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☐ Send refund check**WARNING:**

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8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

10/2/2011

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ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☐ Other: _____

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."



Signature

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Date

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Type of printed name

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

See Attached page.

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)

To Whom it may Concern:

We had thought that the patent maintance fees were due in 2011 and found out it was not only due but past due. We like many others had fallen in financial hardships so it took a couple of months to get the money together. We had also thought that we were going to receive some sort of notification by mail but never received anything. We are not sure if the patent office has the correct address but back in 2005 we purchased the patent from Michael and Kathleen Bouches (Kohnle). We will send the document for transfer of patent from when we transfered the patent rights. I guess the address was never updated from them as they were suppose to update it from the patent attorney they were granted the patent from (Kaardal & Associates). Please allow us to pay the maintance fees that are due and have the patent active again. We have a great deal of money invested in this project and we are very sorry to be late on paying the fees. Thank you for your consideration,



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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

Docket Number (Optional)

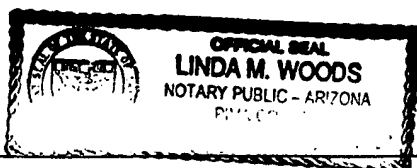
Whereas, We, KATHLEEN F. KOHNLE : MICHAEL E. BONCHES of ARIZONA,

hereinafter referred to as patentee, did obtain a United States Patent for an improvement in _____

REAR VIEW MIRROR SUN VISOR ATTACHMENTNo. 6,296,294, dated OCT. 2, 2001; and whereas, we are now the joint owners of said patent, and, whereas,THOMAS RUSSELL of GEORGIA
hereinafter referred to as "assignee", whose mailing address is2580 PAUL HARRIS RD.City of DALLAS, and State of GEORGIA 30157.

is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in the same:

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of _____ the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, We, the patentees, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said assignee, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said Patent aforesaid; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 2nd day of March, 2005,At Tucson, AZ.State of ArizonaCounty of Pima) SS:Before me personally appeared said Michael & Kathleen Bonches (Kohnle)And acknowledge the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed this 3rd day
Of March, 2005.[Signature]
(Notary Public)